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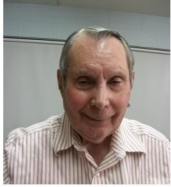
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Meet Oak Grove Neighborhood Officers

Gerald Clary - President



2005, I was on the steering committee which formed the Oak Grove Neighborhood Association. I was elected the first President of the association. In the 10 years of the association's existence, I have frequently held the office of President as well as the treasurer. I was recently reelected as President for the third time, which will be my last. The association continues to grow and just recently won the Great Neighborhoods Recognition Award from the City of Springfield. Our goal is to keep our neighborhood Clean, Safe, and Friendly

Mark McKnelly - Vice President



I am a follower of Jesus, father to my 13 -year -old daughter Haylen and 5 -year- old son Mason, the pastor of a new church plant in the neighborhood called Church @ the Center, and generally just a guy who longs to love God and people in ways that change lives. When I'm not working, I like to lift weights and hang out with my kids and anyone who likes to ponder the big issues of life.

Leanne Edgar - Secretary



Works as Activity Director at Ozarks Nursing and Care Center. Mother of 5 children and a menagerie of pets including a dog, 2 cats, fish and 2 turtles. Married to Richard Flippen.

Powell McHaney - Treasurer



I retired after 37 years in sales of wholesale and manufactured floor covering. I am past president of The Heart of the Ozarks Sertoma Club where I also served as their Bingo Chairman. I'm also a member of the Springfield Sertoma Club and a member of the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield. I'm married to Cynthia, a retired cardiac nurse from Mercy Hospital. My son, Brian, has worked at Delaware School for 20 years.



Meet Oak Grove Neighborhood Board Members

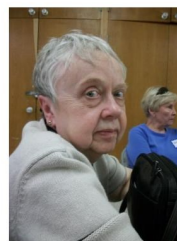
Donald Calvin - Board Member



I retired from GE following a 20+ year career as a machinist. I have lived in Oak Grove Community for 36 years, married to Carolyn for 56 years, and we have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Hobbies include gardening and spending time with my

family

Shirley Clary - Board Member



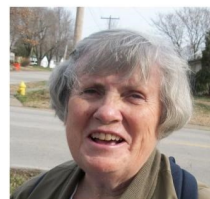
I have lived in the area since 1975 with husband Gerald. I have seen a lot of change and watched it grow. I worked as a clinical counselor and have an accounting degree.

Nancy Crandall - Board Member- Newsletter Editor



I have lived in the Oak Grove area since 2002. Enjoys painting, writing and working in the yard. Sophia is my favorite Cocker Spaniel and best confidant. My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving when my 4 children and 6 grandchildren get together in Dallas, TX for food, fun and laughter.

Betty Johnson - Board Member



I have lived in the Oak Grove area for 37 years and walked or jogged down every street. I volunteer at the Nature Center and enjoy being outdoors.

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Nancy Crandall, Sandy Dasal, Wendell Royster, Cynthia McHaney, Powell McHaney, Curtis Norman, Gerald Cary

Adopt - A - Street sign on Bennett and Oak Grove



Oak Grove Adopt A Street

The Oak Grove Adopt A Street crew met Sat. morning March 21st to pick up trash between Oak Grove and Belcrest along both sides of Bennett. Carolyn Brown, Jan Preston and Don Calvin are missing from the picture as they were still busy picking up trash! A soon to be member - John Marshall - was the photographer.

Next pick up is **Saturday, June 20 at 10 a.m.** We will meet at the west entrance to Holy Trinity Church on Bennett.



SEE YOU THERE!



"I love walking down the street and seeing faces and drama and happiness and sadness and dirt and cleanliness." Ric Ocsek



Thanks to the City of Springfield Neighborhoods & Planning Office and Public Works Dept. for funding the project, and Mark McKnelly for the design and graphics.

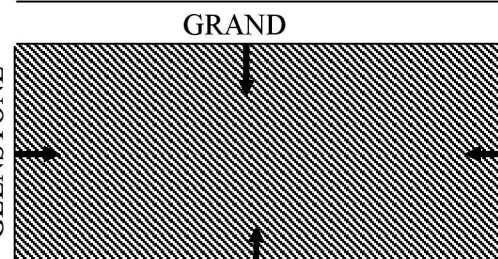
NEW OAK GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD SIGNS

Walk, Drive, Bike, Run

Look for our new signs along the area roadways. There are 14-15 to be found around the neighborhood and at least 4 Great Neighborhoods signs (see p.5).



GLENSTONE



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SUNSHINE

Grand Street north; Igram Mill Road east; Sunshine Street south; Glenstone Avenue west

Meet Oak Grove Neighborhood Board Members (cont. from p.1)



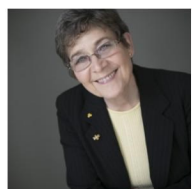
Curtis Norman - Board Member

Retired after 27 years at UPS. I volunteer at Mercy Hospital where I also serve on the auxiliary board. I serve Meals on Wheels, drive for the Community Blood Center and am a judge at elections.



Wendell Royster - Board Member

I am a 1968-1969 Vietnam Army Vet, moved to OG Neighborhood in 1974. Worked 33 years as a medical technical repair man. I am now retired and enjoy working on old cars and spending time with my wife, Jan, one son and two grandchildren.



Jan Preston - Board Member

Has lived in OG Neighborhood since 1973. Works at Carol Jones Real Estate - CJR Commercial Group. Enjoys hiking, reading, going to the theater and tending a yard full of flowers. Her 3 children attended Pittman School.

Robert Hartsell also served on the Oak Grove Neighborhood Association Board and has since resigned. Thank you for all your work for the neighborhood.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

We're so excited to announce the new addition to the Oak Grove Neighborhood! East Stanford Neighborhood Garden at 2710 East Stanford is ready for you, if you are an interested gardener, to apply! We have plowed, removed large rocks and roots, have compost, and now have designated individual garden sites ready for you to claim.

We have planned for 22 small plots, which will be approximately 4 ft by 12 ft, and nine large ones which will be about 8 ft by 12 ft. Rent on those plots will be \$20 and \$40, respectively.

We will have an automatic watering system installed and tools stored in a shed already on site so we don't have to drag our own from home. We plan to garden as organically as we can, so the garden will provide any pest control items and store them in the shed for gardeners' use. Gardeners will be expected to help keep our neighborhood garden looking nice by helping on work days and contributing in other simple ways toward the smooth working of the garden.

Are you a beginner gardener or never gardened before? We'll be glad to assign you an experienced gardener to help you with questions and planning! Experienced gardener? Let us know if you would like to help someone begin to enjoy the exciting activity of producing their own food!

The Springfield - Greene County Health Department was awarded a grant that is helping the East Stanford Neighborhood Garden buy a shed, tools, irrigation system, a couple raised beds and soil or compost. We'll also be given a scale so we can see how many pounds of produce we produce out of our garden. We're so grateful for Rinda Dunn, of SHD, who wrote for the grant, and for Maile Auterson of Springfield Community Gardens for suggesting East Stanford to share in the goodness.

Interested in having a garden spot? Email eaststanfordgarden@gmail.com and or call 417-881-6800 to request an application, by-laws and guidelines. Check out our facebook page, too. We already have received several applications! If cost would stop you from renting a plot, contact us anyway and let's begin a conversation about what can be done about your having a spot.

We hope to see you at the garden!

OGNA MEMBERSHIP DUES :

If you would like to join the Oak Grove Neighborhood Association from October 2014 to September 2015 you may join at any meeting or by mail using the form found below. Please fill out the information requested and pay/send a check made out to the OGNA for \$5.00 for each member of your family 18 years or older desiring to join. Business dues are \$10.00. Send to Powell McHaney, 2770 E. Verona St. Spfd, MO. 65804.



Oak Grove Neighborhood Association Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Amount Paid/ Date/Ck#: _____



The Oak Grove Newsletter is sent to roughly 2,000 residents and businesses. At present there are 76 members and businesses. Help support your neighborhood by joining, attending meetings, sharing your talents.

Get to know your NEIGHBOR.



Oak Grove Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale

Oak Grove Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale will be held July 16-18. Hours open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m. or at individual discretion. Each household that wants to participate will need to register online at spfldmo.gov/business_license (Garage Sales and then Garage Sale Permit) or register by phone at 864-1617. Signs can only be posted on private property and are not allowed on city property or poles. Any questions can be e-mailed to sara4.ogna@yahoo.com. Start going through your belongings so everyone will be ready to have a successful **Oak Grove Neighborhood Garage Sale.**

Kids Fishing Fun Day will be held on Saturday, June 6 at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park.

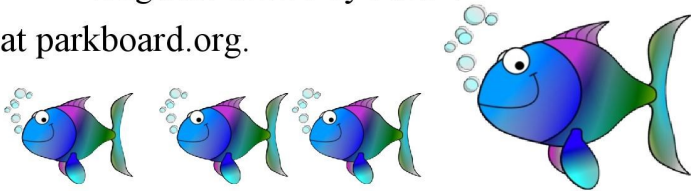
This is a free event for ages 3-13.

Pre-registration is required for the four morning sessions that are available: 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

All kids must be accompanied by an adult and provide equipment, stringer and bait.

This event is sponsored by the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, Missouri Conservation Department, and Coca-Cola Bottling Company of the Ozarks.

Register online by June 4 at parkboard.org.



FRIENDS TO KNOW

Oak Grove Supervisor - Jane Dickerson
891-1658 or www.parkboard.org

Maria Johnston - Parks Liaison to the neighborhood.
Employee of Springfield - Greene County Park Board.
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David Greer - Community Partnership of the Ozarks.
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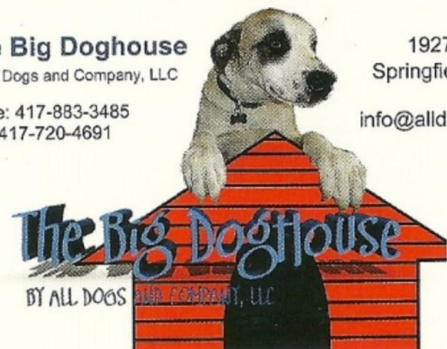
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Presidents Message # 5

By Gerald Clary

If this message sounds somewhat preachy, maybe it is. Remember, we were just awarded Great Neighborhoods recognition. This recognition was given for the many projects completed and the goal of keeping our neighborhood Clean, Safe and Friendly. However, as one drives through our neighborhood, they experience some very disappointing sights. For example, they may see inoperable vehicles some on blocks and parked on the grass. Come on, we can do better than that! Call a towing company and have those vehicles towed to a place where they can be fixed and become operable again. Why mess up the whole neighborhood with a few disabled vehicles?

While on vehicles, if the vehicle is parked outside, be sure that it is locked and nothing of value is left in it for thieves to steal. Never leave your garage door opener in the vehicle. With that, thieves have the keys into your house. We have had a few vehicles broken into and electronic equipment has been taken. Also, we have had at least two vehicles stolen. Fortunately one was found and returned to the owner, so be very vigilant out there. Unfortunately, we live in an age of locks and security. An old professor of mine once told me, "Locks were not meant to keep thieves out, but rather to keep honest people honest." So let's lock up and keep everyone honest.

Also, do not leave your garage door up with no one around to guard it. It only takes a thief a few seconds to lift an item from your garage, and you probably will miss it until the next time you decide to use it and you discover that it is gone.

Another issue is street trash. Remember, trash in the street in front of your house is very unsightly, no matter how it got there. We can all help to rectify the situation by picking up the trash in our area and depositing it in the waste can. It would go a long way to helping us keep a clean neighborhood. Another problem is tall and overgrown weeds and grass. Remember, it is your responsibility to keep your grass cut and weeds pulled around your property. Be aware of the new procedure concerning grass and weeds. If there is a complaint about these, the inspector will inspect the complaint and the houses on either side of the complainant as well as the three houses in line across the street. If the inspector finds a violation at any of these, he can issue a citation on the spot and order that situation rectified in a few days. When the inspector returns, if the problem has not been corrected, he can have it contracted and give the owner the contracted bill to pay. It will not be cheap. Paying attention to these few problems will go a long way toward helping us keep Oak Grove a clean, safe and friendly neighborhood.

P.S.: If you know of someone who is disabled and does not have the wherewithal to keep their property free of grass and weeds, please let us know by contacting gclary@aol.com.

Short Story

I was having car trouble awhile back. It wouldn't start quite right - a little slow. I have a tendency to ignore things I know nothing about, plus I often think the worst when it comes to cars. Oh no! My starters going out - thousands of \$'s. The timing chain (whatever that is!) quits timing - thousands of \$'s. Well I had to take action when, at the library, the car barely started. I had to face reality and do something. So I called a garage and two other guys who calmly said, "It's just a dead battery."

"That sounded cheaper than a new starter", I thought with a smile on my face. I still believed I could make it to the garage Saturday morning but to be sure I cranked it Friday night. Nothing but the click, click, click when the key was turned. Yup, the battery had run its course. It was time for it to go to batteryland.

What is a good neighbor? Two, who, on a Friday night, at 11:00 p.m. changes your car battery after a fast trip to Walmart
Thank you Steve and Sue.

Is there a connection between these two stories? Of course there is. Am I going to tell you? Of course not.
Let it be for you to connect the diamonds.

Nancy Crandall
Oak Grove Newsletter Editor



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If any of these questions have been in your thoughts,
please give me a call. It is my business to help you with these
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(If I have left anyone out my sincerest apologies
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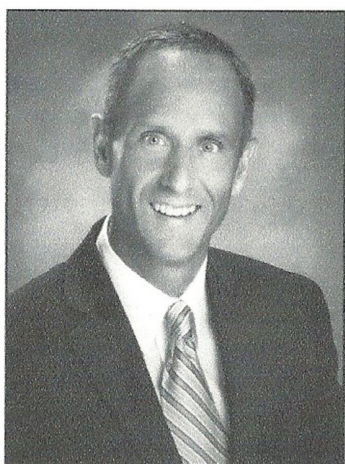
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**Oak Grove Neighborhood Wide
Garage sale will be held July 16-18.
In case of inclement weather it
will be held August 27-29.**

(see p. 4 for details)

**Oak Grove Neighborhood Association
Meetings**

Tuesday May 26, 2015 East Grand Church of Christ

Tuesday July 28, 2015 Holy Trinity Church

Meetings start at 6:00 pm and last till around 8:00 pm